

REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims 29-40, 42-44, and 46-57 are pending in the application. Claims 47-57 are newly added.

The Office action objects to the amendments to the specification that were submitted in the applicant's response of 7 June 2007. The specification is amended herein to restore the paragraphs to their prior condition.

The Office action rejects claim 44 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph; claim 44 is correspondingly amended to correct the identified error.

The Office action rejects:

claims 29-37, 39-41, 43, and 46 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Sony CyberFrame PHD-A55 (hereinafter CyberFrame), the product review in TechTV (hereinafter TechTV), the product description in Outpost.com (hereinafter Outpost), the Sony Hong Kong Press Release of 19 April 1999 (hereinafter Sony Press Release), the Announcement entitled "Sony to Sell Liquid Crystal TV with Memory Stick" by Nikkei Industrial Daily (hereinafter Nikkei), and Piety et al. (USP 5,637,871, hereinafter Piety); and

claim 38 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over CyberFrame, Nikkei, Piety, and the article "Sony's \$900 Picture Frame" by Mark Gimein;

claim 42 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over CyberFrame, Nikkei, Piety, and the Examiner's statement of Official Notice; and

claims 44 and 45 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over CyberFrame, TechTV, Outpost, Sony Press Release, Nikkei, Piety, and Liu (USP 6,437,974).

The applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Each of the independent claims are amended herein to include the limitations of claim 41 (now canceled). The applicant respectfully maintains that the combination of CyberFrame, TechTV, Outpost, Sony Press Release, Nikkei, and Piety fails to

teach or suggest means at the monitor for transferring the digital image from the storage medium to a PC, as now claimed in each of the independent claims.

In the rejection of claim 41, the Office action asserts: "the monitor of CyberFrame, Nikkei, and Piety includes means for transferring data from the storage device for the monitor to a storage device on the PC" and references the prior art teachings of transferring data from the Memory Stick to a PC. The applicant respectfully notes, however, that this assertion fails to address the limitation of claim 41 (now included in each independent claim).

Claim 29 recites a monitor that includes "a PC-interface operable to transfer the digital image to the PC".

Claim 39 recites a monitor that includes "communication means to transfer said data from the storage device to a PC."

Claim 44 recites an interface that includes a controller that is configured "to selectively transfer the read digital image to a PC".

The Office action does not identify where the prior art teaches means at the monitor for transferring the image data to a PC. The cited references address the fact that the storage module, the Memory Stick, can transfer data to different devices, including the CyberFrame monitor and a PC, but these references do not teach or suggest that the monitor is configured to transfer the data to the PC.

Because each of the independent claims includes means for transferring image data from the monitor to a PC, which is not taught or suggested by the cited prior art, the applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration of the rejections of claims 29-46 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over this prior art.

In like manner, newly added independent claim 47 recites a stand-alone monitor that includes a user-interface operable to "control the transfer of the digital image to an output connector of the monitor." Because the prior art does not teach or suggest the transfer of images from the monitor, the applicants respectfully maintain that claims 47-57 are patentable over the prior art.

In view of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection(s) and/or rejection(s) of record, allow all the pending claims, and find the application to be in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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